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2010 Golden City Council

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HEADS UP: Important Upcoming Items

ALL-WARD MEETING
Please join the Golden City Council for a community meeting to inform and update residents of all wards. The meeting is from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14 at Golden High School, 701 24th St. The All-Ward Meeting provides an opportunity for you to meet with your ward and district Councilors, the Mayor and City staff. Topics will include transportation, economic vitality and shaping Golden’s future through Golden Vision 2030. Each ward Councilor will then hold a break-out session which will allow you to address topics specific to your neighborhood.

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION IN CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
A new online feature will be available in early April, which will allow residents to participate in City Council meetings, without actually being there. 

This online feature enables residents to select an upcoming agenda item, indicate their position and submit written comments.

Here’s how it works: when the meeting’s agenda is published, an eComment link appears next to the agenda link on the view page. Clicking the link brings the citizen to the Public eComment form where they are guided through a simple process to comment on a specific agenda item.

This interactive tool will allow citizen participation from those who are unable to attend council meetings, in a quick and easy format.

Look for an announcement on the City’s website, www.cityofgolden.net for the starting date!

SUMMER JOB APPLICATION DEADLINE
Application deadlines are approaching for summer employment opportunities with the City of Golden. There are seasonal and part-time positions at the Golden Community Center, The Splash Aquatic Park and Fossil Trace Golf Club. Be sure to watch our website at www.cityofgolden.net/Employment.asp for job availability. You can also subscribe to our website at www.cityofgolden.net/Login.asp where you can enter your email address and ask to be notified each time a new job is posted.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED FOR FIRE PENSION BOARD
Golden City Council announces that one appointment of a Golden citizen to the Golden Fire Department Pension Board will expire this month. The Golden Fire Department Pension Board is made up of three fire department members, two citizen members, City Manager, Finance Director, and Mayor. Board members must have a demonstrated interest in the fire department and desire to be involved with the process. Prior pension or financial experience is helpful. The terms of appointments for citizen participants are two years. If you have questions, call the Golden Fire Department at 303-384-8094. Interviews are tentatively scheduled to be held at the City Council Study Session the evening of Thursday, April 15 in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 911 10th St., unless otherwise noted. Council does not normally meet on the fifth Thursday in any month.

April 1 No meeting
April 8 Regular business meeting
April 15 Regular study session
April 22 Regular business meeting
April 29 No meeting

Council’s upcoming agendas, packets and meeting minutes are available online under the City Council link at www.CityofGolden.net. Public comment is welcome on the agenda at all regular business meetings.
Two of our most important challenges on the City Council are making sure that we communicate effectively with everyone in the community and making sure it's as easy as possible for everyone to communicate with us. Some of what we do is very straightforward. We publish the Informer once a month, which is mailed to everyone's door and available on the City's website. We post news and meeting announcements and important City documents online. We post City Council agendas and packets online, and make it easy to watch meetings on Channel 8 (if you subscribe to Comcast) and on the Web (if you have broadband). DVDs of the meetings are available as well. All of our City Council meetings are open to the public; all of our business meetings include a general public comment period at the beginning, and most include public hearings on specific issues as well. You can invite any of us to attend your HOA meetings or other events, and of course you can also send letters, call us, send emails to an individual Councilor or send emails to everyone on the Council at citycouncil@cityofgolden.net.

Some of what we try is less conventional. Some members of Council have email newsletters which anyone can subscribe to, some have websites and blogs, at least one is planning a series of coffee shop and pizza parlor neighborhood meetings, and some are experimenting with Facebook and Twitter.

In addition, last year we published our first ever Community Accountability Report, providing a transparent, candid account of how the city is performing on a range of key community services. For example, fire and police department response times, reducing the number of sewage backups, increasing the number of roads in good condition and more. We are planning to publish a new report every other year.

We also regularly schedule special events for sharing information and listening to ideas and concerns. Coming up on April 14 at Golden High School, we have a city-wide town hall meeting. My City Council colleagues and I will provide updates on some key community issues - including the beltway, growth and Golden Vision 2030 issues, and the economy - everyone will have a chance to ask questions or share ideas.

Finally, all of us on City Council attend a lot of community events downtown, at our schools, neighborhood gatherings, service club meetings and plenty of others. Those are often good opportunities to ask questions, share thoughts or highlight concerns.

If you have other ideas about ways we can provide you with the information you want and need, and to hear what’s on your mind, please share them with us. I hope you enjoy this issue of the Informer, and best wishes for a great spring.
2010 Census: Make Sure You’re Counted

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT THE CENSUS?
Because Golden gets much needed funding for every person who is counted. This goes toward important programs like schools and libraries, road improvements, parks and health services. These are dollars that Golden needs, which is why it’s so important that each household takes the time to complete and return its census questionnaire.

Each year the federal government allocates money from the federal taxes we pay; more than $400 billion to states and communities. This funding is allocated in large part based on Census data. In Colorado, it is estimated that we receive $880 per person counted, or a total of $4.27 billion dollars per year.

10 QUESTIONS IN 10 MINUTES
There are only 10 questions, and it will take only about 10 minutes to fill out and drop in the mail. These are the ONLY questions that will be asked:
1. How many people were living or staying in this house, apartment, or mobile home on April 1, 2010?
2. Were there any additional people staying here April 1, 2010 that you did not include in Question 1?
3. Is this house, apartment, or mobile home: owned with mortgage, owned without mortgage, rented, occupied without rent?
4. What is your telephone number?
5. Please provide information for each person living here. Start with a person here who owns or rents this house, apartment, or mobile home. If the owner or renter lives somewhere else, start with any adult living here. This will be Person 1. What is Person 1’s name?
6. What is Person 1’s sex?
7. What is Person 1’s age and date of birth?
8. Is Person 1 of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?
9. What is Person 1’s race?
10. Does Person 1 sometimes live or stay somewhere else?

SAFETY AND PRIVACY
The Census does not ask for your Social Security number or any other personal or financial information, so beware if someone claiming to be a Census worker asks for more information than the 10 questions on the form. If you suspect that someone is posing as a Census worker, ask to see their U.S. Census Bureau badge, or call the local U.S. Census Bureau office in Lakewood at 303-264-0202.

Once the information has been collected, it remains safe. Your answers are protected by the U.S. Constitution, and no government agency, court of law, or even the president can get access to your information. All Census Bureau employees are subject to a $250,000 fine and/or 5 years in prison if they share any of your information.

Ladies Only!
Just in time for Mother’s Day, join the Ladies Only Sample Tour (LOST) for a fabulous girl’s night out from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 6. For just $12.50 per person, enjoy free samples, tasty treats and beverages at more than 40 merchants in historic downtown Golden. Participants will also receive a coupon book for additional savings at participating merchants. Invitation packets and participation bracelets can be purchased beginning Tuesday, April 6 at the Golden Visitor’s Center, 1010 Washington Ave. There are limited numbers of invitations available and some offers may have age restrictions. Come get LOST while supporting your local downtown businesses, re-visiting old favorites and discovering new ones. For more information, call Krista at the Golden Chamber of Commerce at 303-279-3113 or visit www.ladiesonlysampletour.com.

GROW WITH THE GOLDEN COMMUNITY
Join us for the second year of the Golden Community Garden. The garden, located near the west end of 8th Street, is open to all members of the public. Come learn about organic gardening, grow your award winning pumpkin or just sit and admire the handiwork of your neighbors. Applications are now being accepted to rent a plot in the Golden Community Garden for the 2010 growing season. Please visit the Garden website at www.goldencommunitygarden.org or call 720-204-1755.
Show Your Community Pride

Now is your chance to clean out your garage, basement, back or front yard. It’s time to gear up for Golden Community Pride Days. This popular event is provided by the City of Golden each year for citizens as an opportunity to get rid of unwanted items and debris. Many of these items would normally have to be hauled off to a landfill at residents’ expense.

Simply drop off these items from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2 at the City Shops facility, 1300 Catamount Drive. Golden residents may dispose of the following items:

- Rubbish
- Construction Materials
- Scrap Metal
- Tires (maximum of four per household)
- Electronics:
  - Personal Computers
  - Televisions
  - Monitors
  - Printers
  - Fax Machines
  - Scanners
  - Copiers
- Cell Phones
- PDAs
- Stereo Equipment
- Typewriters
- Keyboards
- VCRs
- Circuit Boards
- Hard Drives

Untreated lumber, tree limbs and brush can be brought in for grinding and on-site paper shredding is also available to help prevent identity theft.

**DO NOT BRING** appliances or hazardous materials. For these items, please use the valuable coupons found on the next page. Details and reservation phone numbers are listed on the coupons.

All services are for Golden residents only. Proof of Golden residency (a current driver’s license or your most recent Golden water bill) is required in order to participate in this event. Remember that many Golden mailing addresses are not within Golden city limits.

**PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG ROUND UP**

Golden’s second annual pharmaceutical drug round up will take place **ONE DAY ONLY, Saturday, May 1** in conjunction with Community Pride Days.

We WILL accept:

- Prescription Drugs (including controlled substances)
- Non-Prescription Drugs and Over-the-Counter Medications in all forms
- Aerosols or Sharps (syringes or needles) of any kind
- Broken Mercury Thermometers

All drugs should come in their original containers that identify the medication but it is recommended that you remove or scratch out any personal information on the label.

Waste collected on this day will be disposed of properly by an approved waste management company. A pharmacist will be on site to answer any questions.
As part of the City of Golden’s Community Pride Days event, Golden residents may use the following coupons, good for one free hazardous chemical drop at the Rooney Road Recycling Center, and one free curbside appliance pick up from Complete Recycling. Use the City Shops drop-off site at 1300 Catamount Drive for other rubbish.

**COMMUNITY PRIDE DAYS**

**Saturday and Sunday, May 1 and 2**

2010 City of Golden

**FREE HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL DROP**

Good for one FREE household hazardous chemical drop. Value of $20 for up to 75 pounds of hazardous household chemicals, 10 gallons of latex paint, 4 fluorescent bulbs, unlimited volume of motor oil, and unlimited car batteries. A per-pound fee will be charged depending on material type and amount for all items over 75 pounds total – call for more information or pricing.

You can bring:

- Antifreeze
- Automotive batteries
- Batteries
- Drain cleaner
- Furniture polish
- Floor cleaner/wax
- Lacquers/paint
- Oven cleaner
- Paint thinner/remover
- Radiator flushes
- Rodent poison
- Waste oil

Rooney Road Recycling Center, 151 S. Rooney Road
www.rooneyroadrecycling.org

**NO DROP OFFS WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT • Wed. & Sat. only**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** Call 303-316-6262

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**FREE APPLIANCE PICKUP**

Good for one FREE curbside appliance pickup and recycling.

**Appliances and Items accepted include:**

- Washers
- Microwaves
- Air conditioners
- Stoves
- Call Complete Recycling for details at 720-219-9604
- Dryers
- Grills
- Water heaters
- Ovens
- (You may have to leave a message.)
- Dishwashers
- Refrigerators
- Scrap metal
- Propane Tanks
- Compactors
- Freezers
- Barbeques
- Batteries

**PICKUP MUST TAKE PLACE BY MAY 16, 2010**
Earth Day Art Show

The City’s Environmental Services Division, in partnership with the Jefferson County Public Library, presents the annual April art show in celebration of Earth Day. The artwork on display is created by first through sixth grade students from Mitchell and Shelton elementary schools. The work is inspired by nature, uses recycled materials or otherwise represents an environmental theme. Please visit the Golden Library Children’s Room and the Community Center Front Porch (upstairs) to view artwork through the month of April.

Events for Earth Day, April 22

• Where do my recyclables go? Take a tour of one of Denver’s material recovery facilities (MRF) to see the sorting process in action and learn just how far your household recyclable materials travel to be processed. For more information, visit [www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability](http://www.cityofgolden.net/sustainability) or call 303-384-8117.
• Earth Day Bicycle Ride – Leaving at 9:45 a.m. from Golden Oldy Cyclery, 17224 W. 17th Place. This gentle ride between 15 to 35 miles will stop at various sustainability events and features an open house of the Museum of Sustainable Transportation afterward. Please bring your helmet. For more information, visit [www.goldenoldy.org](http://www.goldenoldy.org).

Garden-in-a-Box

Landscaping in our arid climate doesn’t have to be a challenge. There are many wonderful plants that require little water and do well in our clay soils. Put a few of these species together and you’ve created a beautiful xeriscape, or water wise landscape.

The City of Golden has partnered with the Center for ReSource Conservation (CRC) to offer Garden-in-a-Box to Golden residents wanting to create or expand a water wise landscape. CRC has done the planning and design process for you to make establishing your own xeriscape a breeze. The three designs being offered were created by professional landscape designers with the do-it-yourselfer in mind. They thrive in our arid climate and prefer full sun.

Our 2010 Gardens are now on sale. For additional information and garden details visit [www.conservationcenter.org](http://www.conservationcenter.org).

All gardens must be pre-ordered and are available on a first come, first served basis. To order, please call 303-999-3820 ext. 217 or email Water@conservationcenter.org. Gardens will be available for pick-up on Saturday, May 15, 2010. Stay tuned for details – we are planning a community event to kick off the gardening season!
New Online Parks and Recreation Registration Website Coming Soon!

The City of Golden Parks and Recreation Department launches a new online registration website this month, http://rec.cityofgolden.net. We are introducing many new features to make your online registration experience easier. You will now be able to create a new account, add and remove family members, change your login name, set passwords and print receipts online. Parents can retrieve childcare statements securely at their convenience. Pass holders can view the number of visits remaining on a Golden Community Center pass. The household calendar feature gives you the ability to view or print a calendar of all activities and programs in which members of your household are enrolled.

To make the transition as seamless as possible, existing users will log in with their household identification number, just as they have been doing, but their password will be changed to match their zip code. After logging in for the first time, they will be given the opportunity to change their username and password.

For new users, the site includes the ability to create a new household and register for activities all in one visit. New users will be required to enter their name, address, phone number and email address to open an account. Residency status has traditionally been an area of confusion. Many patrons have Golden mailing addresses but are actually residents of unincorporated Jefferson County. A link to the Jefferson County Address Wizard will be included on the site, where you can put in your address and find your Municipal Status. If you receive your water bill from the City of Golden, you are within the City limits.

Recreation staff members are excited about this new venture and are eager to unveil it. For questions about the new website, call the Golden Community Center, 303-384-8100.

Help Plan for Pristine Parks

The City of Golden is preparing a Master Plan for the Clear Creek Corridor to create a unified park experience along Clear Creek in downtown Golden. The Clear Creek Corridor incorporates Lions, History, Parfet and Vanover parks along with the areas between these parks beside the creek. The Clear Creek Corridor should seamlessly mesh with complimentary land uses in the area, providing residents a truly unique multi-use area in which to recreate, shop and work; one that promotes synergy with the downtown environment and surrounding neighborhoods.

The Master Plan will focus on enhancing parkland and recreation opportunities, establishing cohesive character, improving circulation and parking, reducing user conflicts and improving opportunities for events and programmed activities through an extensive public process. The public process will include an advisory committee of community stakeholders, user surveys, and interactive project website and public workshops. To get involved, view upcoming meetings and leave a comment, visit www.clearcreekplan.net.
Golden Community Calendar

Through April 25

Grace & Glorie
A play about a sophisticated urbanite who gains new perspectives on life’s highs and lows from a feisty 90-year old lady. Miners Alley Playhouse, 1224 Washington Ave. Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 6 p.m. Tickets are $20. Senior, student and group rates available. For more information call 303-935-3044 or visit www.minersalley.com.

Through May 2

Colorado Clay
The exhibit will feature a body of work by some of Colorado’s premier ceramic artists. Foothills Art Center, 809 15th St. Visit www.foothillsartcenter.org for more information.

Through May 16

Relay For Life of Golden
The Relay For Life of Golden Planning Committee is in search of volunteers interested in helping to chair or co-chair any part of the event, which takes place May 15 and 16. The Planning Committee meets the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at the Utility Notification Center of Colorado, 16361 Table Mountain Parkway. For more information contact Carla Maniscalco at 303-431-0424 or carla.maniscalco@gmail.com.

Through May 23

The PinchHitter
A baseball comedy complete with an actual game of baseball in the audience. Dinner and a show or show only. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. Dates and ticket prices vary. For information, call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

Through May 31

Thin Air: An Exhibit on Altitude and Oxygen
Whenever you go higher, you lose more and more of that crucial fuel: oxygen. Come explore the relationship between altitude, oxygen, energy and endurance at the American Mountaineering Museum, 710 10th St. Also, discover how your body reacts to altitude! Visit www.mountaineeringmuseum.org for admission and ticket information.

Through July 10

Robin Hood
The Heritage Square Children’s Theatre presents Robin Hood. Fun for kids of all ages. Tickets are $6. Heritage Square Music Hall, 18301 W. Colfax Ave. For information, call 303-279-7800 or visit www.hsmusichall.com.

April 2

Golden’s First Friday
Enjoy extended shopping hours with Golden’s downtown merchants. 5 to 8 p.m.

April 3

Easter Egg Hunt
The Kiwanis Club/Golden Merchants Easter Egg Hunt is for the children of Golden. A free event from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in Parfet Park, 10th Street and Washington Avenue.

April 10

CSM E-Days
Colorado School of Mines “Engineering Days” celebrations are free and open to the public.
- 10 a.m. - Cardboard Boat Race on Clear Creek
- Noon to 3 p.m. - Events include a barbeque, races, bands and a carnival on the North IM Field, Elm Street & West Campus Road
- 9 p.m. - Fireworks Show on the North IM Field
- 9:30 p.m. - Bonfire at Lot D by the IM Fields

April 13

Jazz Band Concert
Golden High School will host the JeffCo All County Honor Jazz Band in concert at 7 p.m. in the Golden High School theatre, 710 24th St. For more information, contact Dr. William Graves at wgraves@jeffco.k12.co.us or 303-982-4153.

April 14

All-Ward Meeting
Golden City Council will host a community meeting for residents of all wards at from 6 to 8 p.m. at Golden High School, 701 24th St.

April 15

Tax Deadline
Final day to submit your taxes for 2009

April 22

Earth Day
April 25

Pi Mile Fun Run
Colorado School of Mines Math Club hosts its First Annual Pi Mile Run. Race distance is 3.14159 miles! Fun for the entire family – runners and walkers welcome. Pre-registration is $15, race day $20. Race begins at 8:30 a.m. at Brooks Field, 12th and Maple streets, and follows the Clear Creek recreation path. For more information and to register, call 303-384-2447 or visit www.mines.edu/pi_mile.

LOOKING AHEAD

May 7
Golden Civic Foundation Birthday
The Golden Civic Foundation is celebrating its 40th birthday by holding the 19th annual Good News Social from 5 to 9 p.m. at the American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th St. For more information or to make a reservation, call Chuck Baroch at 303-278-9697.

Tell them you read about them in the Golden Informer!

FREE

Sales and Use Tax Workshops
The City of Golden is hosting FREE Sales and Use Tax workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors and geared toward individuals who need to learn sales and use tax concepts on an in-depth level.

The workshops will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
April 7, 2010.............. 8 to 10 a.m.
June 2, 2010.............. 8 to 10 a.m.
July 7, 2010.............. 8 to 10 a.m.

Although these classes are free, space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

FREE

Building Use Tax Workshops
The City of Golden is hosting FREE Building Use Tax Workshops taught by our professional staff of auditors. Classes are geared toward individuals who need to learn about building use tax concepts on an in-depth basis.

The workshop will be held in the Golden City Hall Conference Room, City Hall, 911 10th St.
May 6, 2010.............. 8 to 10 a.m.
Aug. 4, 2010............. 8 to 10 a.m.

Classes are free, but space is limited. Please call 303-384-8024 for your reservation.

Information is subject to change. Please use contact information to confirm the details of an event. To list a community event happening in Golden here, please send your listing to:
Golden City Hall, Communications Dept., 911 10th St., Golden, CO 80401, or by e-mail to ktilley@cityofgolden.net. Listings should include the date(s), the event name and a brief description of the event, which may include cost, location and contact information. Submissions must be received by the first of the month prior to the issue you would like them printed in (i.e., Jan. 1 for the February issue). Call 303-384-8132 with questions or for more information.

A VENUE WITH A VIEW

Located at the base of the foothills, the Golden Community Center is a venue with a view!

Perfect for weddings, graduations and other events, put your mind at ease with the support of professional staff members and the convenience of an adjoining caterer’s kitchen.

Call Larry Rock at 303-384-8133 for availability, facility tours and rates. Make your event special – have it at the Golden Community Center.
The volunteer firefighters with the Golden Fire Department do not get paid for the great work they do, so honoring them for their heroic efforts takes on an even more special meaning. Emergency responses were at an all time high in 2009 so at an awards ceremony earlier this year, honors were presented to staff and volunteers who helped with a variety of exceptional rescues. Here are some of the highlights of the Golden Fire Department in 2009.

UNIT CITATION AWARD:
- Division Chief Cris Brewer
- Captain Wes Polk
- Firefighter Daniel Glynn
- Firefighter Case Byl
- Firefighter Noah Creaven

Golden Firefighters worked with several other area fire departments to put out a wildland fire on Olde Stage Road. Winds were blowing 70 miles per hour making suppression efforts difficult and putting crews in danger. Despite the winds, firefighters were able to put the fire out and save two homes which otherwise would have been destroyed by the flames.

UNIT CITATION AWARD - RECRUIT CLASS OF 2009:
- Firefighter Ben Moline
- Firefighter Brandon Daruna
- Firefighter Brandon Phelan
- Firefighter Case Collard
- Firefighter Sean Keel
- Firefighter Colin Winter
- Firefighter Derek Ferchau
- Firefighter Jeff Cole
- Firefighter Jeff Hulse
- Firefighter Ricky Gonzales
- Firefighter Robert Brooks
- Firefighter Truc Nguyen
- Firefighter/Engineer Valerie Hastings

As part of their initial entry into the fire department, each recruit class takes part in a community activity. The class of 2009 took it upon themselves to host an afternoon of fun, games and educational activities for the young patients at The Children’s Hospital. It was an event filled with smiles and tears as some of the children with life-threatening illnesses gave hugs to the firefighters. They also inadvertently gave the firefighters a good perspective on what life is really about.

UNIT CITATION AWARD:
- Asst. Chief Rocco Snart
- Captain Gerard Lutz
- Captain Tina Gustafson
- Lt. Jennifer “JJ” Risch
- Firefighter Jeff Steinhoff
- Firefighter Bob Maillot
- Firefighter Daniel Glynn
- Firefighter Mike Gonzales
- Firefighter Ben Moline
- Firefighter Craig Weimer
- Firefighter Noah Creaven
- Firefighter Michael Nietch.

Fire and Rescue companies from Golden responded to a report of a fallen climber in Clear Creek Canyon. The climber was found about 300 feet above the roadway and had to be hauled down the mountain and then lowered across
CLEAR CREEK in order to get to an ambulance. The rescue took more than two hours to complete. The patient was in serious condition but survived the incident.

**AWARD OF MERIT:**
- Captain Gerard Lutz

Golden Firefighters assisted the Golden Police in trying to locate a missing 12-year-old girl. It was dusk and a race against the clock to try and find her before dark. Captain Gerard Lutz lives near the search area and knew most of the places a child may try to hide. Because of his knowledge of the area, Captain Lutz was able to find the little girl and get her back home safely, preventing the search from going well into the night.

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**LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD: ASST. CHIEF BOB BURRELL**

Asst. Chief Bob Burrell began his career with Golden Fire as a volunteer firefighter in 1974. 35 years later, he is still an active firefighter with the department. During his tenure, Chief Burrell has held the ranks of Engineer, Captain and Assistant Chief. He has the distinct honor of being the last volunteer to serve as Fire Chief before it became a full-time paid position. Asst. Chief Burrell is a regular recruit academy instructor and is always willing to put in extra time and effort to ensure the Golden Fire Department remains a top fire service agency in the country.

Assistant Chief Bob Burrell celebrates 35 years of service.

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**Spring Showers Bring...Flooding? Flood Protection Information Everyone Should Know**

Several severe floods have been recorded in Golden since 1864, most recently on June 27, 2004. The most serious flooding in Golden resulted from short but extreme rains, called cloudbursts, which occur from May through September.

Floods are dangerous. Although they may appear to move slowly, floodwaters only six inches deep, moving at three feet per second can knock a person off their feet. A 100-year flood on Clear Creek at Ford Street could flow as fast as 11 feet per second.

Your property may not have flooded in the past. However, the next flood could be more intense and potentially cause severe damage. If you are in the floodplain, the odds are that someday your property will be damaged. If your property is located in the Special Flood Hazard Area, you have a 26 percent chance of experiencing flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage.

**Homeowner’s insurance policies do not cover damage from floods.** However, because Golden participates in the National Flood Insurance Program, you can purchase a separate flood insurance policy at a five percent discount. This insurance is backed by the federal government and is available to everyone, even for properties that have experienced flooding. Remember that there is a 30-day waiting period before the flood policy becomes effective.

Flood maps and flood protection references are available at the Golden Public Library, the City Engineering Division at 1445 10th St., to see if you are in a mapped floodplain. If so, they can give you more information about your floodplain. The Engineering Division will review flood information on file and produce a **FREE** written Floodplain Determination for your property upon request. Contact Engineering by calling the Golden Info Line at 303-215-8882 and request item number 2903. You can also call the City’s Engineering Division at 303-384-8115.

Flood protection information is posted on the City’s website, www.cityofgolden.net/flooding.

Information is also available at www.floodsmart.gov or www.fema.gov.
Gino DePalma became a Golden Police Officer in 1996. For seven of his years on patrol, he worked as a school resource officer for Bell Middle School and he also served on the Jefferson County Swat Team.

On Feb. 26, 2007, Gino’s life took a terrible turn. He came down with a chest cold. Granted, that doesn’t sound traumatic, but Gino’s body disagreed. His simple cold turned into Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS), which is an autoimmune disorder that affects the nervous system and causes paralysis.

At first, his right hand started to tingle. The next day his left foot and hand both began tingling. Gino thought that he had a pinched nerve. His chiropractor sent him to his physician. While he waited for a doctor’s appointment, he looked up his symptoms online and everything pointed toward GBS. “I thought that couldn’t possibly be what’s happening to me.”

By the time Gino arrived at his doctor’s office, he could barely walk and he had a hard time swallowing. His doctor’s first thought was that he had the flu, but when Gino brought up the possibility of GBS, his doctor consulted a neurologist. They sent him to the hospital right away. Gino was his own best advocate, which led to a quicker diagnosis.

In a matter of hours, Gino’s entire body shut down. Doctors put him through many tests, including a very painful spinal tap. He was admitted into the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) with medicine going directly to his heart and a breathing tube down his throat because his lungs were not functioning. Gino was on life support and in the ICU for nearly four weeks. He was completely aware of what was happening, but had very little ability to communicate with anyone. “At first I thought, what did I do to deserve this,” he recalls. “But I didn’t let myself get depressed because I didn’t want it to affect my son any more than it already had.”

In order to be eligible for a rehabilitation hospital, Gino would have to be off the ventilator and able to breathe on his own. If not, he would be sent to a nursing home. “I wasn’t about to let that happen,” said Gino. “It took a lot of determination and willpower to get through a grueling three months of rehab at Craig Hospital. It was a fight for my life and a fight to get it back.”

Gino went from his bodybuilding weight of 160 pounds to 125 pounds. He had to re-learn how to walk, talk, swallow and move. “Everything was a struggle,” said Gino. “But there was no question in my mind I would walk again; it was just a matter of when.” He went home in June but was still paralyzed. His wife Tami became his primary caregiver. Tami, his friends and family, his therapist and Gino himself never gave up on a full recovery.

In September there was a setback. Gino fell backwards in his wheelchair, got a skull fracture and severe concussion, which caused him to lose his sense of taste and smell. If that wasn’t enough, he then got pneumonia. After a month of additional recovery, everything finally started to fall into place. “It was amazing,” describes Gino of his recovery.

GBS is very rare. It affects one out of every 100,000 people. It may be a rare side effect of influenza vaccines, but Gino never had the vaccine. What caused this to happen to him remains a mystery. Recent tests show the GBS is completely out of Gino’s system.

For the most part Gino is back to his old self. He works part-time in the Evidence Department for the Golden Police and also works part-time for the Red Rocks Community College Police Department. His goal is to get back to a full time position as a patrol officer.
Time to Sign Up for the Youth Citizens Academy

The Golden Police Youth Citizens Academy was started in 2002 to allow teens the opportunity to get an inside look at what it would be like to have a career in law enforcement.

“There are several programs designed to encourage teens to consider a career in law enforcement, but they all required long-term commitments,” says Academy organizer Sgt. Ryan Custer. “Nothing was designed to give a teenager a brief snapshot of law enforcement before they made any commitment toward the career.”

The Youth Citizens Academy is scheduled annually for one week in June. During the week, teen participants receive training in all aspects of law enforcement. “Nothing is held back,” says Custer. “They receive the exact same training we give to our officers.”

Some of the training includes lessons on the U.S. Constitution, state laws, evidence collection, felony investigations, police tactics and firearms safety and training.

Getting the police instructors excited about the first academy was a challenge. “Teach teenagers! No thanks!” was usually the response Custer received. After that first academy, the instructors realized they were having as much fun as the students. The officers discovered they had the opportunity to interact with teenage kids in a positive, non-threatening environment. Now, finding instructors is not a problem.

Custer considers the academy a great success. The program provides training and experiences for students in the qualities of leadership and teamwork, while encouraging community service. “If they choose a career in law enforcement, that’s just icing on the cake.”

The Youth Citizens Academy is scheduled for June 14 through 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Teens from 13 to 17 years old can apply. The academy is free and there is no residency requirement. For questions on the application process, please contact Sgt. Ryan Custer at rcuster@cityofgolden.net or Ofc. Denise Mehnert at dmehnert@cityofgolden.net. Both can be reached by phone at 303-384-8045.

Find the Largest Pothole, Win a Prize

The City of Golden Streets Division is running its annual Pothole Hotline Contest. Each week, the caller who reports the largest pothole will win a prize!

This is the 21st year of the contest, which is a fun but efficient way for citizens to help the Streets Division find and repair potholes in a timely manner. The City repairs each pothole reported as soon as weather allows, which is typically within 48 hours.

To report a pothole by phone, call the Golden Info service at 303-215-8882 and select option 2901. To report a pothole online, visit www.cityofgolden.net and look under City News for details. Remember to give the location of the pothole, your name, phone number and address in order to be eligible for the contest.

The program began on March 29 and runs for 5 weeks. You must be a Golden resident to enter.

SCRAMBOWL HELPS LIGHT GOLDEN

Nearly 50 teams filled the lanes of Golden Bowl on Feb. 8 to raise money for the 4th annual ScramBowl for Lights. This bowling competition raises money to fund the cost of the holiday lights displayed along South Golden Road each year.

This year’s event had a sports team theme, although it certainly didn’t take any athleticism to play and have fun. The event raised several thousand dollars for the Golden Chamber of Commerce, ensuring that the lights will be back again next winter.

The City of Golden entered five teams. Our Street Crew team placed 4th, our City Council team placed 38th and the rest of the teams fell somewhere in the middle. Congratulations to everyone who played!
Advanced Care Babysitting Courses
This course is designed for the pre-teen (11 - 13 year olds) and helps prepare for those first babysitting opportunities. Home and fire safety will be stressed as well as infant and child CPR, rescue breathing and choking procedures.

Age: 11 years and older
Saturday, April 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Social Networking - Facebook, Linked-In, Twitter
Interact and network with friends and family via online social networking. Learn the social protocol of what to say, when and to whom!

Age: 18 years and older
Fridays, April 9 to April 30
10:30 a.m. to noon
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Family Music Night
Family Music Night is the perfect opportunity for working parents or grandparents to participate in music with their children or grandchildren. Music will focus on ages 6 months through early elementary. Infants under 6 months are free.

Age: 6 months to 8 years
Wednesday, April 14
4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

I Want to be an Astronaut Workshop
Students will learn about the programs and facilities that NASA uses to get astronauts ready for space travel. The participants will also build and launch miniature spacecraft and try out their planet walking skills in our “Mars Gravity Boots”.

Age: 5 to 12 years
Tuesday, April 27, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
$19 Resident, $22 Non-resident

Robotic Arts
The newest in robotics and programming fun is the Pico-Cricket®. Design and create your own creatures, sculptures, or 3-D art, then program the devices for action.

Age: 9 - 13 years
Mondays, April 5 to April 26
5:30 to 7 p.m.
$65 Resident, $70 Non-resident

Parents of Preschoolers: Child-Safe Green Living and Cleaning
Many chemicals that appear in baby products and in cleaning products can harm your child and the environment. Make your own personal care products and non-toxic cleaners.

Age: 13 years and older
Tuesday, April 27, 6 to 7:15 p.m.
$10 material fee

LET’S PLAY BALL
Join the affordable fun that lasts all summer long in City of Golden adult softball leagues! Registration is open for summer leagues which begin in May. Once again, Golden is offering a variety of different leagues and divisions for all skill levels, at the most affordable rates in the area.

Registration remains open until the April 21 deadline or until each division is filled. If you want to play and don’t have a team, we’ll help you find one.

Our website is an outlet for teams to find up-to-date information on schedules, statistics, scores and standings in addition to rules, rosters and “free agent” lists. You can also find us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter (@GoldenSports).

If softball’s not your thing, try the other summer adult athletic programs including kickball, basketball or outdoor volleyball. For more information or to register, visit www.cityofgolden.net/adultsports or contact Becky Richmond, Athletics Coordinator, at 303-384-8194.

*New sessions begin in April for climbing, music, tumbling, clay, jump rope, hoop and engineering clubs!
Since 1994, the Front Porch has served Golden’s 50+ citizens who visit the Community Center, and provided fun and wellness opportunities. The Front Porch is located upstairs, and we offer a variety of events for active older adults – including outdoor sports, wellness classes, card clubs, volunteer opportunities, special speakers, potlucks, excursion trips and more!

If you are new to the community or curious to see what we’re all about – consider this an invitation to drop in and have a cup of coffee, check out the gym and the center’s other facilities and meet some new friends! Come surf the internet or play some pool – there is something here for everybody.

Wellness classes keep participants busy in the mornings and the energy level after class guarantees an afternoon of fun and laughter! Exciting trips – such as white water rafting – provide a level of solidarity and accomplishment to many of our patrons who participate.

In the words of our successful SilverSneakers® Program: Get Fit, Have Fun and Make Friends!

Here’s what’s happening this month:

Because we are not an organization designed for elderly assistance, we have compiled this list of the most common requests from our citizens as a courtesy:
VOA Dining Centers/Meals on Wheels... 303-294-0111
VOA Handyman Program .................. 303-297-0408
Snow Patrol (Volunteer Snow Shoveling) .......................................................... 303-384-8100
Transportation Assistance:
  Senior Resource Center .................. 303-235-6972
  Lakewood Rides............................ 303-987-4827
  Access-A-Ride................................ 303-292-6560
  SeniorRide .................................. 303-299-6503
  DIA Transportation/Supershuttle ...... 800-258-3826
Tax Help........................................ 303-235-6915
Legal Referral............................... 303-238-8151
Adult Day & Respite Services ............ 303-235-6960
HomeInstead Senior Care –
  Various senior assistance services ..... 303-463-1900
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program ... 303-235-6946
Jefferson Center for Mental Health -
  Senior Reach Program .................. 866-217-5808

Celebrate Health!
Fridays, April 9* and May 7 * (April 2 is a holiday)
Free blood pressure checks and healthy goodies!
  Chair massages............................ $13 for 15 mins.
  Reflexology sessions ................... $13 for 15 mins.
  Footcare with Chalyce ...$15 per pedicure
Call 303-384-8130 to make your appt.

APRIL EVENTS

Smart Choices in Retirement - #15150
Learn 10 key principles that help make sure your money lasts throughout retirement.
  Wednesday, April 7; Register/Cancel by April 5
  11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Free – Registration required.

Glenn Miller Orchestra - #15155
For an evening of nostalgic music, with a repertoire of over 1,700 compositions, including In The Mood, Chattanooga Choo Choo, and Moonlight Serenade.
  Saturday, April 17; Register/Cancel by April 2
  6 to 10:30 p.m.; $45 (van, parking, admission)
  Tickets are non-refundable after April 2.

Watercolor/Chalk Pastel Landscape Workshop, Abrakadoodle - #15160
Sketch onsite at Clear Creek, playing with a split landscape formula. Bring a lunch and an open, creative mind!
  Thursday, April 22; Register/Cancel by April 20
  11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; $15 (materials included)

Silver Plume Tour & Tearoom - #15165
Take a self-guided walking tour around town, and lunch at the Silver Plume Tea Room. Wear sturdy walking shoes and bring water.
  Monday, April 26
  Register/Cancel by April 22
  9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
  $10 (van only, bring $$ for lunch, shopping)
The sales tax refund is limited to senior, low-income or disabled individuals who have lived within the city limits of Golden for at least 90 consecutive days in 2009 and cannot be claimed as a dependent on any other person’s tax return.

The refund amount for 2009 is $50. This will be adjusted for partial year residency in Golden.

Please check one box only:

☐ Senior Refund (must be 65 years or older)

☐ Low Income Refund
   Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
   • State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
   • Proof of Medicaid benefits
   • Proof of LEAP eligibility
   • Proof of eligibility for food stamps

☐ Disabled Refund
   Proof required. Attach a photocopy of one of the following:
   • State of Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate approval notification
   • Proof of full benefits from Social Security Disability Income, SSI or the Department of Human Services
   • Proof of total disability from a public or private insurance plan

Please print or type:

Name: Mr(s).
Age:                     Date of Birth:                     
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Age:                     Date of Birth:                     
Address: __________________________ Golden, CO     ZIP: __________
Phone: ____________________________

How many months did you reside in the city limits of Golden during 2009? _____ months

Were you claimed as a dependent on any other person’s income tax form?  ☐ yes  ☐ no

Signature: __________________________ Signatures: __________________________

This form must be submitted by no later than April 15, 2010.

Refund Donation Option:
You have the option to donate your refund to a City of Golden program or department by checking one of the boxes below:

☐ Golden Volunteer Fire Department  ☐ Golden Cemetery  ☐ Golden Senior Front Porch
☐ Other City program or department (please identify): __________________________

Office Use Only:
Account #013031-6190      STR  Vendor # __________  Received ________  Payable ________
It’s hard not to smile when you see the “three-headed deer” picture that adorns the cover of this month’s Informer; a picture of some of our most photogenic neighbors in Golden. This is the natural beauty captured by photographer and Golden resident Andrew Terrill. “My thought was I’m taking all these photos, so why not share them with a larger audience?” said Terrill. “My hope is the photos will show people what is on their doorstep and get them outdoors to experience it.”

Born in England in 1969, Terrill took a unique and interesting path to get to Golden, which has been his home since 2003. Terrill’s professional career began as a graphic designer. It didn’t take him long to stray from the traditional career path and go off… way off… the beaten path. Terrill gave up his full time job to take a 2,000 mile solo walk across the Alps. That’s where he fell in love with the wilderness and capturing it in photographs. “I believe that experiencing nature first hand is important,” said Terrill. “Building a connection with our natural environment can change how we look at the land; instead of considering it a resource it can become a place to care for.”

On a hike along the Continental Divide from Mexico to Alaska, he crossed a mountain pass in Colorado and his life changed. It was in Colorado he met his wife and decided Golden would be their home. “The mountains surrounding Golden allow plenty of scope for adventure, and for the simple connection with wild nature that I need for my soul the way I need oxygen for my lungs.”

Now he’s a full-time dad, part-time graphic designer and part-time photographer who created a website to share his photographs. You can check out all of Andrew Terrill’s work at www.agoldendiary.com. You can also plan to see his pictures on future covers of the Informer!
When you live in Golden, there's two hours of fun, two minutes from home. So we suggest getting away by staying right here. Get a double scoop of ice cream and meander down Washington Avenue. Stroll through our amazing art galleries or museums. Shop in one of our unique stores. You'll be surprised at all there is to do right here under your nose. Visit 2HourVacation.com for more great ideas.